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## Sen. Goodman Files 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment Protection Measure

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JEFFERSON CITY — Senator Jack Goodman (R-Mt. Vernon) has filed a joint resolution to protect Missouri’s state sovereignty guarantees under the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. [Senate Joint Resolution 34](#), co-sponsored by Sen. Eric Schmitt (R-Glendale), is a proposed state constitutional amendment empowering the governor, General Assembly or the people, through initiative petition, to compel the attorney general to challenge overreaching federal legislation that violates the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment, the last amendment in the Bill of Rights. If passed by the General Assembly, SJR 34 will be submitted to the voters for approval.

“There must be a mechanism set in place to protect the people when government exceeds its legitimate powers,” Sen. Goodman said. “The federal government has proven itself to have no restraint when it comes to exceeding its constitutional authority. Our founders deliberately established a system with most governing taking place at levels of government close to the voters. We must take steps to safeguard these protections for the people of Missouri.”

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